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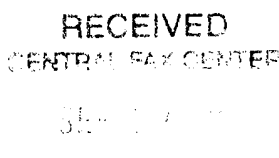
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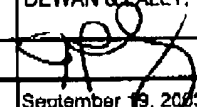
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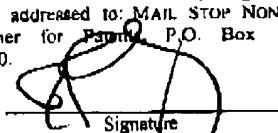
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated June 19, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application (the "Office Action") after careful consideration to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.